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SUB: GCDR BARS PUERTO RICAN NATIONALISTS
1. FOUR PUERTO RICAN NATIONALISTS, LED BY LOLITA LEBRON AND OTHERS WHO SHOT UP US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN 1954 AND WHO WERE PARDONED BY PRESIDENT CARTER LAST SEPTEMBER, WERE BARRED FROM ENTRY INTO DOMREP PAST WEEKEND. LEBRON GROUP WAS INVITED BY LEFTIST MINI-PARTIES AND SPLINTER GROUPS TO COME TO COME TO SANTO DOMINGO DEC 14. FOR A ROUND OF MEETINGS AND RALLIES TO SHOW DOMINICAN SOLIDARITY WITH PUERTO RICO INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT.
2. QUARTET WAS REFUSED PERMISSION TO BOARD DOMINICAN AIRLINES (CDA) FIIGHT 602 DEPARTING SAN JUAN FOR SANTO DOMINGO MORNING OF DEC 14. AIRLINE AUTHORITIES SAID THEY WERE ACTING UNDER ORDERS OF THEIR GOVERNMENT.
3. WELCOMING COMMITTEE AT SANTO DOMINGO'S LAS AMERICAS AIRPORT, WHEN IT LEARNED LEBRON ET AL WERE BEING DENIED ENTRY TO DOMREP, SOUGHT INTERCESSION OF JOSE FRANCISCO PENA GOMEZ, SECGEN OF PARIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DOMINICANO (PRD), WITH DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT TO LIFT "IMPEDIMENTO" AGAINST THE FOUR PUERTO
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RICANS. PRD HAS LONG-ESTABLISHED FRATERNAL TIES WITH PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE PART (PIP), WHOSE LEADER, REUBEN BARRIOS, HAD ALSO CALLED PENA SEEKING HIS SSITSTANCE IN ALLOWING PR NATIONALIST GROUP TO ENTER DR WHEN IT DEVELOPED THEY WERE BEING DENIED ENTRY.
4. PENA SPOKE WITH PRESIDENT GUZMAN SOMETIME FRIDAY, DEC 14, PRESUMABLY ASKING THAT IMPEDIMENINST ENTRY OF THE FOUR PUERTO RICANS BE LIFTED. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN, HOWEVER, AND AS OF THIS WRITING THE FOUR REMAIN BARRED FROM ENTERING DOMINICAN TERRITCRY. DOMINICAN IMMIGRATION SERVICE DIRECTOR, BARON SUERO CEDENO, HAD SAID ON DEC 14 THAT GODR HAS SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY OF FOREIGNERS "AS IT SEES FIT". SUERO ALSO CLAIMED THE "IMPEDIMENTO" AGAINST LEBRON AND COMPANY WAS ORIGINALLY IMPOSED BY FORMER BALAGUER GOVERNMENT, AN ASSERTION FLATLY DENIED BY BALAGUER SPOKESMEN WHO POINTED OUT LEBRON AND HER
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ASSOCIATES WERE IN PRISON IN THE US DURING THE PREVIOUS
ADMINISTRATION AND THAT THEREFORE THE QUESTION OF THEIR ADMITTANCE
TO DR HAD NEVER ARISEN.
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